

Witte severely wounded in both of their legs. In the chaos that followed many other police personnel responded boldly providing CPR and other life saving techniques as needed, while securing the crime scene.

Sergeant Kinterknecht, a Montrose native, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department for his valor in the face of great and imminent danger. Sergeant David Kinterknecht had been involved with law enforcement since he was 14, as a member of the Montrose Police Explorers, a local youth group. He was a committed family man who is survived by his wife Kathy and his daughters Andrea and Amanda.

Officer Rodney Ragsdale, who made his way to Montrose from Suburban Denver, was another man who had been deeply involved in law enforcement. Officer Ragsdale was shot in both of his legs, and for his display of bravery he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department.

Officer Larry Witte was just 23 at the time of the incident, and only two years out of Western State College in Gunnison. Officer Witte was also severely wounded from gunshot wounds in both of his legs, and for his steadfastness in dire circumstances he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor. Officer Witte has a lovely wife, Chelsea, and a beautiful young daughter, Julia. He has recovered from his wounds and is back on patrol in Montrose.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to rise in tribute to these three brave men. We should never forget the sacrifices the men and women in law enforcement make every day to insure our safety, and the sacrifices of their families. To Officer Ragsdale and Officer Witte, thank you for your service and gallantry. To the Kinterknecht family, our thoughts and prayers have, and continue to be, with you all. Sergeant Kinterknecht gave his life in service, and he shall not be forgotten.

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KATHRYNN MERRILLS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Merrills for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kathryn Merrills is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathryn Merrills is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathryn Merrills for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CROATIAN PRESIDENT  
IVO JOSIPOVIC

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank Croatian President Ivo Josipović for traveling to the United States and taking part in the Congressional Croatian Caucus kick-off event.

Although President Josipović has been in office for little over a year, his record in promoting an environment of genuine regional dialogue, better mutual understanding, across-the-board cooperation, and a Euro-Atlantic perspective for the whole of South East Europe has been noteworthy.

Since taking office he has pursued the path of regional reconciliation, a policy that has been matched with concrete action. For example, President Josipović expressed regret for all the victims of the tragic events of the 1990s irrespective of their ethnic background, religious identity, or country of origin. He has also pursued open dialogue with all the key partners in the region of South East Europe, but in particular with Serbian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian high officials.

His efforts at promoting the eventual membership of all the countries in the region into the EU and NATO, have been widely recognized. President Josipović's effort in realizing "Europe, whole, free and at peace" is acknowledged and has been highly commended by the Administration and prominent members of Congress, as it complements U.S. efforts in that part of the world.

Croatia's two-year-long record of NATO membership already bears his mark. President Josipović showed strong leadership and responsibility at the December 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon, in regard to Croatian contributions to NATO led peace-keeping missions. Moreover, he has offered his strong support to Allied efforts in Afghanistan, where Croatian troops and experts assist in transitioning this country to stability and security, using its own capabilities, which was clearly expressed on his recent visit to Kabul.

Again, on behalf of the Congressional Croatian Caucus, I would like to welcome President Josipović to the United States and for his role in building a closer friendship between our two nations.

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LANCE ORTIZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lance Ortiz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lance Ortiz is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lance Ortiz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive

to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lance Ortiz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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IN TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH  
EMETH V'OHR PROGRESSIVE  
SHAARI ZEDEK ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THEIR CENTENNIAL  
YEAR

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on their 100th Anniversary. The temple has provided faithful and devoted service to the Brooklyn community and has shown great commitment to the Jewish religion.

For 100 years, Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek has shown great dedication to the Brooklyn community and has instilled their members with a strong sense of Jewish identity. I commend this outstanding temple and the excellent work they have done in the Brooklyn community and the City of New York.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek represents the best of the Brooklyn community. They have dedicated their talents to provide their neighbors time for spiritual reflection and renewal with weekly Shabbat services and have improved the quality of life for their neighbors, friends, and family.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek is truly a pillar of strength built on the support of their faithful members. Their members' generous and active involvement has contributed to the many years of phenomenal service that the temple has provided.

I am honored to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on the occasion of their centennial year and further extend my gratitude for their many loyal years of service to the Brooklyn community and I hope they continue to grow and provide the quality service for which they are so well known.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST.  
GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of St. George Orthodox Church. The parish celebrated this occasion this past weekend with a banquet and brunch.

The parish was organized in 1936 by families that had immigrated from Lebanon, Syria and Palestine. Due to the success of these immigrants the parish thrived and the first church was built in 1938. Many of the original